

Amendment No. 2 to SB2364

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2364

House Bill No. 2381*

by inserting the following as Section 2 and renumbering the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-221-619.

(a) To ensure the financial integrity of water and wastewater treatment authorities created pursuant to 68-221-604, each authority, through its board, shall be subject to audits by the comptroller of the treasury in accordance with § 8-4-109. Such audits may be undertaken at any time at the sole discretion of the comptroller; provided, however, that the comptroller shall conduct, or contract for, an annual financial audit of each authority. The comptroller of the treasury, or the comptroller's designee, shall have access to each authority's books, records, and accounts whenever deemed necessary by the comptroller or the comptroller's designee.

(b) Each authority shall be responsible, as an operating expense, for reimbursement of the costs of audits prepared by the comptroller of the treasury and for the payment of fees for audits prepared by a licensed independent certified public accountant or firm. All audits shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards.

(c) Any audits conducted pursuant to § 68-221-607(a)(14) shall be separate from audits prescribed by this section.

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(d) The results of any audit conducted pursuant to this section, including any board responses to findings contained in such audit shall be published on the comptroller of the treasury's web site, using existing resources, within thirty (30) days of the completion of such audit.